

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-27 are pending and are rejected.

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-17, 20, and 21 are amended. Claims 2, 4-11, 13-17 and 20 are amended to be consistent with changes made to claim 1.

As agreed by Examiner Tran on a telephone message on March 19, 2007, since applicant filed a response within two months to the final rejection dated October 19, 2006, the period for reply shall expire on the mailing date of the Advisory Action dated March 8, 2007. Applicant has requested a one-month extension extending the deadline to respond to April 9, 2007 because April 8, 2007 is a Sunday.

Responsive to the argument in the Advisory Action dated March 8, 2007 that claim 1 does not recite replay, reverse, skip, and forward as distinct functions and does not distinguish between the replay-reverse and the skip-forward multipurpose remote control signals, applicant has amended claim 1 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention. In particular, amended claim 1 recites the following:

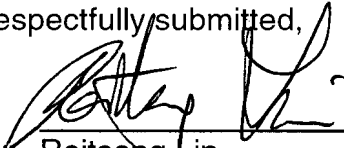
A video playback apparatus having means to invoke one of replay and reverse functions upon receipt of a replay-reverse multipurpose remote control signal, depending on duration of the replay-reverse multipurpose remote control signal, and means to invoke one of skip and forward functions upon receipt of a skip-forward multipurpose remote control signal different from the replay-reverse multipurpose remote control signal, depending on duration of the skip-forward multipurpose remote control signal. (Emphasis added.)

For reasons discussed in the response dated December 18, 2006 to the final rejection, applicant submits that amended claim 1, and dependent claims 2-20, are patentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,847,778 (Vallone).

Since amended claim 21 also recites similar features as recited in claim 1, applicant submits that amended claim 21, and dependent claims 22-27, are patentable over Vallone.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6813, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled. No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,


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